GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE
RAM SHAKAL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether India has been assisting the UNESCO in the restoration and conservation of ancient heritages of various countries of the World; and

(b)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b)Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) render assistance through UNESCO or bilaterally, as and when such a request is received. In response to a request from UNESCO, India had sent an expedition team from ASI to the Nubian Valley in Egypt in 1961-62 for helping in salvaging the archaeological remains threatened by submergence under the waters of the Aswan High Dam. ASI has also rendered assistance bilaterally to other countries, like Angola, Bahrain, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan, Afghanistan and Cambodia.